

**June 30, 2016**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) provided GSA with additional data on contamination that we were not previously aware of in Buildings 103, 104 and 105. While the final OSHA report has not yet been released, we are passing this information along to you for your situational awareness.

### **Lead Dust Concentrations in Building 104**

In Building 104, elevated levels of lead dust were detected in the VA Records Management Center (RMC) in one of their work spaces. OSHA considers its testing to be representative of levels across the RMC.

VA-RMC temporarily suspended work in its file storage areas until new controls can be evaluated for workers in the space. Preliminary recommendations from OSHA and the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) include the use of personal protective equipment (latex gloves and safety gowns) and implementing medical testing.

Additional information on the findings will be available in the final OSHA report, which will be posted in GSA's [online reading room](#) once it is received.

### **Building 103, 104 and 105 Mechanical Areas**

In addition to detecting lead in Building 104, OSHA also tested for additional heavy metals not previously captured by GSA. Two metals -- Cadmium and (arsenic) -- have also been found in mechanical areas of Buildings 103, 104 and 105. GSA employees and contractors that work in these already restricted areas have been notified of the additional discoveries.

### **NIOSH Visit**

NIOSH has concluded its on-site visit and continue to proceed with the Health Hazard Evaluation requested by GSA. While no immediate concerns were noted in the close-out meeting, final results with additional recommendations will be shared once it is made available to us.

If you have any questions for GSA, please send them to us at [r6environmental@gsa.gov](mailto:r6environmental@gsa.gov). Inquiries received to this email will be forwarded to the proper subject matter expert for response. If you would like to add your email address to our distribution list, please use our [registration form](#) or send a request to [r6environmental@gsa.gov](mailto:r6environmental@gsa.gov). Previous updates can be found in the [online reading room](#).

We will provide additional updates in the coming weeks.

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